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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROFUMI HAMADA) Examiner: Richard A. Schnizer
Application No.: 09/914,151) Group Art Unit: 1635
Filed: August 24, 2001)
For: VIRUS VECTOR) September 17, 2003

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant responds to the Official Action dated August 18, 2003 (Paper No. 7) in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required Applicant to elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups 1-12 for the reasons noted.

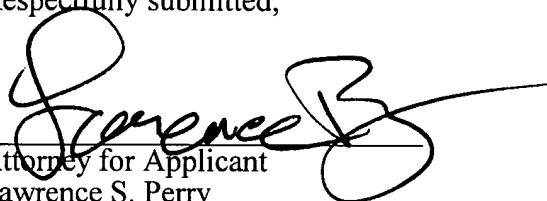
In response, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group 1, namely claims 4-20.

The Examiner further required restriction between antitumor agents and diagnostic agents, and selection of a virus vector family species, in the event any of Groups 1-4 is elected. Accordingly, in response, Applicant hereby elects antitumor agents (claims 1-18) and *Adenoviridae*.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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